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# Georgia Southern hosts Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

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Today, Georgia Southern University held its fifth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®, an event where men walk in high-heeled shoes to increase awareness about sexual violence.

“Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is a lighthearted, educational event that aims to raise awareness and encourage communication about gender relations and sexual violence,” explained Michele Martin, University Wellness director. “All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center, which offers free help to survivors of sexual assault in Bulloch, Jenkins and Screven counties. Last year, we were able to donate \$3,200 to the center from all the sponsorships and individual donations.”

Nearly \$10,000 from the event has been donated in the past five years.

The walk is intended to encourage conversation about the sexual violence happening in the Statesboro area, help victims and figure out how to prevent these attacks. Organizers say it is important for men to join the cause since research shows 90 percent of adult rape victims are

female and the majority of perpetrators are reported to be male, according to the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey Data.

"Women who have been hurt, physically or mentally, by any kind of sexual violence including harassment, are the sisters, mothers, aunts, cousins, girlfriends and friends of men, and by extension, those men have to deal with it, too," said Laura Agnich, Ph.D, assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology. "This issue affects everyone. The goal is to get all of Georgia Southern talking about 'that walk' where guys walked in heels to raise awareness about sexual violence."

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is hosted by the Sexual Assault Response Team, University Wellness Program, Health Services, Sexual Assault Student Educators, and The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

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## **Georgia Southern to hold free Edcamp for area K-12 educators**

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Georgia Southern University recently announced it will hold its second annual Edcamp, a participant-driven professional development program for K-12 educators, on Saturday, April 22, at the University's College of Education in Statesboro, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Often referred to as an "unconference" because of the lack of traditional conference structure, Edcamp is a fun, unique learning experience built on principles of connected and participatory learning where attendees are asked to present current classroom practices, learn what others are doing, gain support for employing best practices in the classroom, and actively participate in a host of sessions related to teaching and learning. Sessions for the day are created by consensus from those attending on what they would like to learn or discuss.

Edcamps are held across the country and worldwide. The College of Education hosts Edcamp at Georgia Southern free of charge for any area K-12 education professionals who would like to attend.

Last year, more than 100 education professionals shared their knowledge about their teaching experiences and tools at the College's inaugural event.

"There was just a positive energy as I walked around during last year's event," said Associate Professor Michelle Reidel, one of the organizers of Edcamp at Georgia Southern. "One of the most powerful moments was when I walked into Dining Commons during lunch after the Edcamp experience to see teachers and administrators actively engaged and discussing what they learned and forming relationships with educators from other schools."

Reserve your free ticket to the 2017 Edcamp at Georgia Southern by clicking [here](#). For more information about Edcamp, visit the event website at [edcampgeorgiasouthern.weebly.com](http://edcampgeorgiasouthern.weebly.com) or email Reidel at [mreidel@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:mreidel@georgiasouthern.edu). Breakfast and lunch are provided. Door prizes will also be awarded throughout the day's events.

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## **School Psychology program receives NASP national recognition status**

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education received notification that its Ed.S. in School Psychology program has been awarded full-approval/national recognition status from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), a recognition of the program's demonstrated consistency with NASP standards. Georgia Southern is one of only three universities in the state of Georgia with NASP-approved school psychology programs and has the only specialist degree program in the state that is nationally-recognized and NASP-approved.

Program Director Dawn Tysinger, Ph.D., said she and the fellow school psychology faculty are "thrilled to be granted this prestigious seal of high quality training."

"For our future graduate students, this means they are assured that their education and experiences within the program meet the highest national standards," explained Tysinger. "For our current graduate students, this means that they are automatically eligible for the Nationally Certified School Psychologist Credential (NCSP) upon passing the Praxis II exam. The licensure/certification

processes for our alumni are facilitated across the country, and they are eligible for additional stipends in some states.”

The NASP review process is an important indicator of quality graduate education in school psychology, comprehensive content and extensive and properly supervised field experiences and internships, as judged by trained national reviewers.

“The process of NASP approval involves a multi-year evaluation where faculty members collect, analyze and interpret data on every aspect of the program design and student outcomes as they align with the NASP Standards for Training and Field Placement for Programs in School Psychology,” explained Tysinger. “The submission to NASP comprises hundreds of pages of evidence that is reviewed and critiqued by a review team and then the Program Accreditation Board to determine program quality and render an approval decision.”

Associate Dean of Graduate Education and Research Tracy Linderholm, Ph.D., expressed that this acknowledgement echoes the hard work of the program’s faculty.

“The faculty in this program are very forward thinking and are constantly making refinements to the curriculum and program procedures to better meet the needs of their students as they train to become practicing school psychologists,” said Linderholm.

Georgia Southern’s NASP accreditation will be in effect for seven years, the maximum period granted by NASP.

School psychology program faculty include Terry Diamondurous, Ph.D., Dawn Tysinger, Ph.D., and Jeff Tysinger, Ph.D.

For more information about the Ed.S. in School Psychology program, visit <http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/espy>.

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